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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO GOJ TO PARTICIPATE IN LOW LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE OCEAN DISPOSAL RESEARCH PROJECT

REF: STATE 108436 (1976)

1. EPA TO CONDUCT SURVEY OF LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DUMPSITE. ROBERT DYER, OFFICE OF RADIATION PROGRAMS, EPA, WILL BE LEAVING WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS JUNE 20 RETURNING JUNE 30. THE SURVEY PROGRAM WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE 1976 ATLANTIC PROGRAM IN WHICH DR. ITO, JAERI, PARTICIPATED. THE DEEP SEA SUBMERSIBLE ALVIN WILL BE USED AGAIN AND SIX DIVES ARE CONTEMPLATED. THE DEPTH WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 4000 M, THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE DISPOSAL DEPTH RECOMMENDED BY THE IAEA.

2. A SAMPLING PROGRAM IS ALSO BEING SCHEDULED AT THE 2800 M. ATLANTIC SITE TO EXPAND THE RADIOANALYTICAL RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE 1976 SURVEY.

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3. DURING MACONAUGHEY'S RECENT TRIP TO JAPAN, EPA LEARNED THAT US PROPOSED PROJECT "RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY" INCLUDING THE SUB-PROGRAM ON SEA DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES, WILL BE HANDLED BY STA. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DETERMINING: (1) WHEN THIS DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY, AND (2) IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO SOLICIT

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT AS TO WHETHER STA,
JAERI OR SOME OTHER INSTITUTE SHOULD BE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE. EARLY REPLY APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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